

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2432 - SB 2506

January 30, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Gives a judge authority to order paternity testing in a proceeding within 10 years of a final divorce order even if the parties agreed on the issue of paternity. If the judge determines that an individual is not the parent of the child, that individual would not be held responsible for any unpaid child support.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$19,000/One-Time
Increase Federal Expenditures - \$37,000/One-Time

Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of \$44,000,000 received under the block grant for the Child Support Program and \$213,000,000 received under the block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Families First)

The bill would require programming changes in the Child Support Enforcement System to track court ordered changes in child support. The bill jeopardizes federal funding to the state because federal regulations bar retroactive modification of child support. The bill would lessen state collections of child support that offset public benefits to the obligee.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director